

<u>Incident Name:</u> COVID-19 Public Health Response	End of Day Summary- Public Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services Operational Activity 08/19/2020	<u>Incident Start:</u> March 6, 2020
<u>Agency Reporting:</u> Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services	<u>Incident Commander:</u> Stephanie Browning, Director Scott Clardy, Assistant Director	<u>Prepared By:</u> Rebecca Estes, Senior Planner Chrystal Smart, EPHS
<u>Summarized Operational Time Period:</u>	8:00 AM on 08/19/2020 to 5:00 PM on 08/19/2020	

Incident Definition: Response to emerging Novel Corona Virus, now known as COVID-19. This includes-

- Addressing general public concerns regarding COVID-19
- Providing guidance to stakeholders regarding COVID-19
- Provide surveillance of COVID-19 in community
- Provide case investigation and contact tracing for instances of COVID 19.

Summary of COVID Cases

# of Positive COVID Cases in MO	# of Positive COVID Cases in Boone
	Current: 288
Deaths: 1,414	Released from Isolation: 1,407
Total: 70,675	Deaths: 5
	Total: 1,700

Statistic Charts can be found at:

<http://gocolumbiamo.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=478880b83d5e4d35b646d80fe6f2c2f6>

Operations Report

Significant Events from Operational Period:

- Shared updated guidance about employers that may qualify as “Critical Infrastructure” that

allows their employees to work if in quarantine as long as they are symptoms free.

- Provided guidance to community organization that was wanting to assist a local restaurant continue their children feeding program after a kitchen fire.
- Submitted process for PHHS to refer individuals to FHC for evaluation and testing orders, pending approval before implementation.
- Staff attended weekly conference call with the Missouri Center for Public Health Excellence.
- PHHS staff met with MU and city's community relations about COVID reports and other messaging.
- PHHS leadership discussed with MU Incident Command roles regarding reporting and enforcement of MU specific social distancing restrictions.
- Staff responded to what Southern Boone School district's football submitted regarding guidance for spectators.
- WIC implemented screening as part of their text message reminders for appointments.
- Received update from Columbia College that they will provide clinical evaluation and testing orders for students who are symptomatic or identified as a close contact.
- Interviewed a candidate for case investigator position.
- Presented to Leadership Columbia regarding COVID in the community.
- Staff met regarding Racial Equity Focus project, which will include ICS position in COVID 19 PHHS IC.
- Responded to public regarding COVID 19 inquiries.
- Continued case and contact investigations.
- virus.

Daily Media Review

COVID Coverage

- [Trail of bubbles leads scientists to new coronavirus clue](#) bubble sound in patients lung could explain why oxygen has a hard time getting to patients on ventilators.
- [Covid taste and smell loss differs from common colds, study suggests](#)
 - [US will allow pharmacists to administer vaccines to kids during pandemic](#)
- [FDA emergency authorization of blood plasma for Covid-19 on hold, according to the New York Times](#)
- [Coronavirus updates: Florida becomes 5th state with over 10,000 deaths](#)
- [Georgia, Texas and Florida lead the country in coronavirus cases per capita](#)
- [Covid-19 infections among students have already caused some colleges to change plans](#)
 - [Will you get a refund if COVID-19 closes your campus?](#) Not expecting breaks on tuition, meals and housing refunds likely for Colleges/Universities that close
 - Number of novel coronavirus cases has surpassed 22 million [Understanding the long-term effects of Covid-19 is "a work in progress," Fauci says](#)

Local Media

Tribune- [Missouri cities resist mask rules as case counts climb](#)

[Mizzou to require masks at football games](#)

KRCG- [Hair loss now considered long-term symptom of COVID-19](#)

[Tuesday COVID-19 cases across Mid-Missouri, nearly 70,000 case in the state](#)

Missourian- [Students' return brings optimism for economy, anxiety over how long it will last](#)

KOMU- [Wednesday COVID-19 Coverage: MU's IFC recruitment goes virtual](#)

[Help is on the way to improve COVID-19 contact tracing in Boone County](#)

[Depression in British adults may have doubled during coronavirus pandemic](#)

KMIZ- [CPS plan to separate students and employees with signs of COVID-19](#)

[Health officials say social gatherings are causing spike in COVID-19 in Cole County](#)

Local Chatter

- Questions about CPS plans
- Worries about Mizzou cases/reopening plans for residents
- Discussion and encouragement to receive the flu shot this winter

Situation Summary:

COVID 19 has reached global transmission.

- Risk Assessment for travel: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html>
- All 50 states, The District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the US Virgin Islands have reported cases of COVID-19.
- 27 states report more than 40,000 cases of COVID-19
- For case information by state follow this link:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.html#reporting-cases>

CDC has begun recommending all individuals wear facemasks to reduce the chance of transmission while out in public as of 4/3/2020. Children under the age of 2 should not wear masks because of suffocation risk.

More than half of the states in the United States have issued state wide mask mandates.

The CDC has updated guidance to change when isolation should end for a positive case of COVID 19, now reflecting one day free of fever and an improvement in symptoms. Isolation should end 10 days after symptoms have started. Links for this updated guidance can be found:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-in-home-patients.html>

US travelers are banned from visiting: EU, Bahamas, China, Mexico, Canada, New Zealand and Japan

At Risk Population: Older Adults (60 years of age or older), People who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility, and People with Chronic Health Conditions (Heart Disease, Lung Disease or Asthma, Diabetes, People who are immunocompromised including cancer treatment, or people who are severely obese)

State Information:

Missouri Governor Parson declared a State Emergency on March 13, 2020 to make state resources available to local jurisdictions and activate certain authorities.

- A total **70,675** confirmed cases in Missouri of individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID 19, **1,414** of those cases have died.
- A list of cases reported by county can be found The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services operates a website reporting reported cases of COVID 19 in Missouri at:
<https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus/results.php>

Missouri's Governor Announced that on June 22 all stay all state restrictions will be lifted, but social distancing is still recommended: <https://governor.mo.gov/press-releases/archive/governor-parson-announces-missouri-will-fully-reopen-enter-phase-2-recovery>.

Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education released guidance for re-opening schools for the upcoming school year to start this fall:

- <https://dese.mo.gov/communications/news-releases/dhss-and-dese-address-frequently-asked-questions-about-school-reopening>

State Lab COVID 19 Testing:

<https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus-lpha/pdf/mo-pui-guidance.pdf>

MoDHSS hotline staffed by medical professionals: 877-435-8411

City/County Information:

On March 16, 2020 the City of Columbia declared a state of emergency within the city to respond to COVID-19. The resolution includes calling for proactive measures to protect the public health, safety and welfare; expressing support for and calling upon City Manager John Glascock and Public Health and Human Services Director Stephanie Browning to enact regulations to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

- Columbia/Boone County hosts an information hub on COVID Cases that have been identified in the county, as well as information about the catchment area cases that the hospitals serve
- <http://gocolumbiamo.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=478880b83d5e4d35b646d80fe6f2c2f6>
 - There are **1,700** confirmed cases in Boone County, 5 patients passed away, and **1,407** have recovered from the COVID 19 illness.

Columbia and Boone County issued revised Public Health Orders for Social Distancing to begin on August 10 and continue until another Public Health Order is issued or expire on August 31, they can be found at:

- City Order: <https://www.como.gov/CMS/pressreleases/downloadfile.php?id=2493>
- County Order <https://www.como.gov/CMS/pressreleases/downloadfile.php?id=2494>

Columbia City Council Passed Mask Ordinance that will go into effect at 5:00 PM on July 10, 2020. It can be found: <https://www.como.gov/wp-content/uploads/B168-20A-AKA-Face-Mask-Ordinance.pdf>

Boone County Office of Emergency Management opened a virtual EOC on 3/17/2020 to facilitate the coordination of efforts and resources to keep Boone County safe during COVID-19 response efforts.

Columbia Public Schools updated their start date for the 2020/2021 school year to begin after Labor Day:

- [https://www.cpsk12.org/site/default.aspx?](https://www.cpsk12.org/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=4&ModuleInstanceID=896&ViewID=6446EE88-D30C-497E-9316-3F8874B3E108&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=59907&PageID=1)

[PageType=3&DomainID=4&ModuleInstanceID=896&ViewID=6446EE88-D30C-497E-9316-3F8874B3E108&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=59907&PageID=1](https://www.cpsk12.org/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=4&ModuleInstanceID=896&ViewID=6446EE88-D30C-497E-9316-3F8874B3E108&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=59907&PageID=1)

The City of Columbia Neighborhood Services, in their role as Volunteer Coordination of the Boone Emergency Response Plan, has activated a COVID 19 Volunteer webpage, it can be found here: [https HYPERLINK](https://www.como.gov/volunteer/covid/)

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The City of Columbia has a dedicated webpage that provides a summary of City of Columbia services as they related to COVID-19 and it can be found here:

[https://www.como.g HYPERLINK "https://www.como.gov/coronavirus/"ov/coronavirus/](https://www.como.gov/coronavirus/)

Received waiver from FDA for non-congregate feeding sites, this allows Columbia Public Schools and other children feeding programs to provide meals to children throughout the summer. <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/covid-19/non-congregate-feeding-nationwide-waiver-extension>

As ESF-6 lead, City of Columbia Division of Human Services has activated a COVID-19 Get Help webpage website to list key human services resources needed during the pandemic: COVID-19 Get Help (<https://www.como.gov/health/gethelp-coronavirus/>).

As ESF-6 lead, City of Columbia Division of Human Services has organized five local funders (City, County, United Way, Community Foundation, and VU Foundation) in a collaborative called ComoHelps (<http://comohelps.org>). Through this collaborative we have consolidated financial donations for the COVID-19 response. Financial contributions are being routed to the Heart of Missouri United Way and the Community Foundation of Central Missouri. Nonprofit and governmental volunteer needs are posted, along with the opportunity for community members to sign up as unaffiliated volunteers for assignment as needed.

ComoHelps also developed a single, joint application for nonprofits to submit requests for funding. This expedites access to support for nonprofits and allows us to coordinate funding used in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The ComoHelps collaborative meets daily to review and prioritize requests and to allocate funding. The current focus is on funding services being provided in response to COVID-19. Requests for nonprofit sustainability are being referred to federal CARES Act programs and tabled for later consideration. Because this funding collaborative is so unique, ComoHelps have received grants from state and national foundations.

MU Healthcare hosts a drive thru COVID 19 testing site located at 115 Business Loop 70 W. The site hours of operation to Mon-Fri 8 AM to 7 PM, Saturday 8 AM to Noon, and closed on Sundays.

Boone Hospital hosts a drive thru COVID 19 testing site. This site's hours of operation are Mon-Fri 8 AM-4:30 PM, and Saturdays 8 AM to Noon, closed on Sundays.

